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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

February 14, 2012, 9:35 A.M.
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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO HB 2799

Aloha Chair Coffman, Chair Cabanilla, and members of the Committees:

The Sierra Club, Hawai'i Chapter, with 9,000 dues paying members and supporters statewide, **opposes HB 2799** to the extent it adds a requirement that homeowners need to get permission to install an electric vehicle charging station. This bill amends the current law allowing the installation of electric vehicle charging stations at a homeowner's expense.

Condominiums have been tragically restrictive in allowing the use of clean energy technology and energy efficiency measures. Castle & Cooke, for example, put in a restriction prohibiting the use of clotheslines in any of their leased properties. For years, that meant most of residents in Lanai City could not use clotheslines. This reticence led to the legislature having to pass several laws that recognized the right to solar, the right to the use of clotheslines, and recently authorized a resident owner to install an electric vehicle charger at their own expense.

There is no justifiable reason to deny someone from installing an electric vehicle charger if they are willing to assume the reasonable cost of installation. To that end, the Sierra Club opposes the addition of the line “with prior approval of the private entity . . .” Such a phrase would undermine the entire purpose of the Haw. Rev. Stat. § 196-7.5.

The Sierra Club has no opposition to the addition of subsection (c)(4).

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.



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Room 325

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Chairs Coffman and Cabanilla and members of the Committees:

The Blue Planet Foundation opposes HB 2799, a measure which reduces the ability of condo owners to install electric vehicle (EV) charging locations on the property. By adding the phrase, "with prior approval of the private entity...", this measure returns Hawaii to the days when condo associations had total control over condo owners' ability to install such clean energy devices.

Electric vehicles not only provide clean, quiet mobility solutions to Hawai'i residents and visitors, but they can provide on-grid electricity storage for intermittent renewable energy sources.

There is no justifiable reason to deny someone from installing an electric vehicle charger if they are willing to assume the reasonable cost of installation. The existing language allowing the installation of charging systems is a fair, balanced, and necessary policy to reduce barriers for local residents to do the right thing in decreasing their energy use.

Blue Planet Foundation has no opposition to the addition of subsection (c)(4).

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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Comments:

This bill will help private entities and owners implement electric vehicle charging stations in condominiums that do not have assigned parking stalls for its owners or residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: elum2@netscape.net
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To Whom It May Concern:

Since I will not be present for the hearing, I would like to express my support for HB2799. This bill will help private entities and owners implement electric vehicle charging stations in condominiums that do not have assigned parking stalls for its owners or residents.

Thank you for your consideration!

Aloha,
Eric Lum

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Submitted by: Ryan Harada
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Comments:

I support HB2799. This Bill will help owners and condominium associations implement electric vehicle charging stations in buildings that do not have assigned parking stalls. This contributes to keeping Hawaii's environment clean.